



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### Minutes

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

701 Ocean St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz, CA

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

#### **I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

*Call to order at approximately 5:00 PM*

*Present: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Gregorio, Culbertson*

*Absent: Commissioners Trenchard, Bruce*

#### **II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*None*

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion: Commissioner Pepping*

*Second: Commissioner Culbertson*

*Ayes: Commissioners Pepping, Wise-West, Kippen, Gregorio, Culbertson*

*Nos: None*

*Abstain: Orbuch, Hunt, Clark*

#### **IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION**

*Beth Love representing Eat for the Earth spoke about working with the Commission to promote low carbon food production and consumption*

#### **V. BUSINESS MATTERS**

- A. Presentation on carbon fee and dividend legislation (Citizens Climate Lobby – Santa Cruz 20 minutes)

*Lynda Marin gave presentation followed by Commission discussion*

- B. Discussion of City of Santa Cruz Resilient Coast Initiative (Commissioner Wise-West 20 minutes)

*Commissioner Wise-West gave presentation followed by comments by two members of the public and Commission discussion*

- C. Microgrids and Public Safety Power Shutoff (Commissioner Wise-West 20 minutes)

*Introduction by Commissioner Wise-West and Commission discussion.*

*Motion by Commissioner Culbertson to authorize the Chair to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors advising the Board to direct County staff to pursue grant and incentive opportunities in early 2020 for development of microgrids.*

*Second: Commissioner Clark*

*Ayes: Unanimous*

- D. Updates on Board of Supervisors agenda items (Commission staff 10 minutes)

*Staff provided brief updates*

- E. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission, 15 minutes)
  - Discussion of issues identified
  - Action on whether to agendaize for a future COE meeting
  - Possible future agenda topics:
    - Work Plan items
    - Staff reports back to the COE from prior COE actions
    - State and Federal legislation
    - Ad hoc Inter-Commission coordination

*Commission discussion of various topics including County carbon-neutral goal, future presentation on MBCP community programs, Climate Action Strategy Annual Report, and City of Santa Cruz Ready, Set, Go program.*

## VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Adjourn at approximately 7:00 PM*